

## **RESOLUTION NO. 13-381**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Dr. Terrell Harris, will be honored with the "Religion Leadership Award" during the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Awards Program held at the Ernest L. Knight Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, June 1, 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Terrell Harris and his wife, Dr. Hattie Pearl Harris, have served and continue to serve as exemplary role models for the congregation at True Light Church of God in Christ and the Huntsville community. In May 1978, Dr. Harris became the founder and pastor of True Light Church of God In Christ, a man of vision coupled with the belief that through God, anything can be accomplished. He led the building of a large church with a small congregation. In 1999, God blessed True Light with a Mortgage Burning Ceremony commemorating paying off the church property. At True Light, the members are quick to say that Dr. Harris' character is one that emulates that of Dr. Martin Luther King. He represents the total man, a man who, regardless of creed, age, sex or national origin, has the right to be treated equally and with respect. Dr. Harris' attitude is that of compassion, giving of himself in time, service and finances to assist the local community. As a pastor and mentor, he encourages high school graduates to pursue a college education and provides many with scholarships; and,

**WHEREAS**, through his tireless efforts in helping a great community to become greater, he established outreach programs such as Men/Women Fellowship groups, Youth Programs, Evangelism/Outreach Ministries, Music, and Jail Ministries. Dr. Harris' sound, wise, and godly counseling brings forth deliverance to people from the everyday issues of life. He has established several radio and television programs such as True Light Shines Radio Ministry at WEUP Radio Station; Blessed Hope Ministry at WLOR Radio; and the Living Water Television Ministry with the Late Superintendent Dave Draper, Sr. He is an active leader in the Church of God in Christ denomination. Some of his religious involvement include: Superintendent of the Huntsville District; 4<sup>th</sup> Administrative Assistant to the Bishop of Alabama 1<sup>st</sup> Jurisdiction COGIC; former Dean and Teacher; and Ordained Elder; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Harris retired as a Senior Computer Scientist with the government and industry sector in 2003. In 1970, while employed in the STEM profession, he developed and patented software, the Cincinnati Automatic Tool Changer 430 Post-Processor; and,

**WHEREAS**, he is a member of numerous professional, civic and community organizations. Currently, he and his wife serve as members of the Board of Visitors for Lincoln University of Pennsylvania. In recognition of the contributions and achievements in his profession and to the community, he has received scores of plaques, citations, resolutions, and other commendations; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Dr. Harris holds the following degrees: Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Jackson State University, Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Divinity, International Seminary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Terrell Harris as the 2013 "Religion Leadership Award" recipient, and extend best wishes to him and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013.

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President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama